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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

SHAN ET AL.

Examiner

Michael V. Meller

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 September 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,8,10,23,26 and 28-44 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 26, 28, 31-44 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 29 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,8,10,23 and 30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election of the species, ischemic condition is noted. Since no prior art was found on ischemic condition the search is drawn to the next species which is arrhythmia.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 1, 8, 10, 23, 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) as being anticipated by Khwaja et al.

Khwaja teaches the use of St. John's Wort (*Hypericum perforatum*) extract to treat the claimed disease, see abstract, cols. 10, 20, 23-24, 27-28, etc. Khwaja teaches that diseases/conditions such as arrhythmia (col. 23, line 44-col. 24, line 18) can be treated with the extract.

Applicant argues that Khwaja teaches a number of assays that can be used for testing for substances for consistent quality and suitability as a therapeutic agent, but it is clear on col. 27, lines 35-end through col. 28, line 35 that these materials taught by the patent are useful for the above mentioned disease states which are claimed by applicant. All Khwaja has to do is teach that it is desirable to do so under 35 USC 102.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 1, 8, 10, 23, 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Khwaja et al.

The above discussion is applied here. The arguments are the same as above. Thus, the rebuttal is the same as above.

The amount used is simply the choice of the artisan in an effort to optimize the desired results. Through routine experimentation one could have arrived at the claimed effective amount since the range of the effective amount is so broad to begin with.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael V. Meller whose telephone number is 571-272-

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0967. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Thursday: 9:30am-6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bruce Campell can be reached on 571-272-0974. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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